

1 **SHB 1299 - H AMD 0262 ADOPTED 3-18-03**
2 By Representative

3 On page 1, line 7, strike everything after the enacting clause
4 and insert the following:

5 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 41.05
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The authority shall coordinate state agency efforts to
8 develop and implement uniform policies across state purchased
9 health care programs that will ensure prudent, cost-effective
10 health services purchasing, maximize efficiencies in administration
11 of state purchased health care programs, improve the quality of
12 care provided through state purchased health care programs, and
13 reduce administrative burdens on health care providers
14 participating in state purchased health care programs. The
15 policies adopted should be based, to the extent possible, upon the
16 best available scientific and medical evidence and shall endeavor
17 to address:

18 (a) Methods of formal assessment, such as health technology
19 assessment. Consideration of the best available scientific
20 evidence does not preclude consideration of experimental or
21 investigational treatment or services under a clinical
22 investigation approved by an institutional review board;

23 (b) Monitoring of health outcomes, adverse events, quality, and
24 cost-effectiveness of health services;

25 (c) Development of a common definition of medical necessity;
26 and

27 (d) Exploration of common strategies for disease management and
28 demand management programs.

29 (2) The administrator may invite health care provider
30 organizations, carriers, other health care purchasers, and
31 consumers to participate in efforts undertaken under this section.

